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SLED CHARGES GREENVILLE COUNTY MAN WITH LOTTERY FRAUD

Agents with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel, 27, on Wednesday, October, 18, 2023, with Intent to Defraud, Counterfeit Game Tickets.

Details can be found in the attached warrant.

Patel was booked at the Laurens County Detention Center.

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ARREST WARRANT

2023A3010101169

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/ Municipality of

Laurens

THE STATE

54-23-6019

against

Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel

Address:

Simpsonville, SC 29681-4780

Phone:

SSN:

Sex: M

Race: U

Height: 6

Weight: 190

DL State:

DL #:

DOB: 1995

Agency ORI #:

Prosecuting Agency:

Sled Alcohol Enforcement/Vice Services

Prosecuting Officer:

Kason B Gardner - S00776

Offense:

Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

Offense Code:

2900

Code/Ordinance Set:

59-150-0260(A)

This warrant is

CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE

in the

County/

Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me

to be

dealt with according to the law,

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant

Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel

on

10/18/23 @ 10:00 AM

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions

100 Hillcrest Square

P.O. Box 287

Laurens, SC 29360

DEFENDANT COPY

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/

Municipality of

Laurens

Personally appeared before me the affiant

Kason B Gardner

who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant

Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel

did within this county and state on or about

7/1/2023

violate the criminal laws of the

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

Laurens

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

Between the dates of July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, in the county of Laurens, one Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel, while managing the business of Dap Foods, located at 906 N Harper St. Laurens S.C., did commit the crime of Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc. in that he did with the intent to defraud the SC Education Lottery and without the permission of the owner, activate and subsequently scanned and passed numerous packs of scratch off lottery tickets without rendering payment. Estimated value \$135,228.43 Victim - South Carolina Education Lottery

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

County/

Municipality of

Laurens

Affiant's Address

P.O. Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

(803)212-8157

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 7/1/2023

defendant Dhruv Ashokbhai Patel

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

County/

Municipality of

Laurens

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Lottery / Intent to defraud, counterfeit game tickets; alter, make, etc.

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 10/17/2023

Judge's Address

100 Hillcrest Square

Laurens, SC 29360-

Judge's Telephone

(864)681-5689

Issuing Court:

Magistrate

Municipal

Circuit

Signature of District Judge

Dirk Jakob Bron Jr.

Judge Code: 7366

(L.S.)